GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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REORGANIZATION OF RAILWAY ZONES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Reforms Committee are likely to be allowed to remain in the Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, whether an estimated Rs. 500 crore was spent on creation of each new zone;

(c) if so, whether Kerala, Punjab and Haryana States have now also started demanding for new zones; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) No, Sir. The Railway Reforms Committee was set up in May 1981, who submitted its Reports during 1984.

(b) No, Sir. As per the Budget Document, Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programme (Part II) for 2004-05, the expected outlay to end of 2003-04 is around Rs. 128.86 crore towards the creation of all the seven new Zones.

(c) Demands have only been received for creation of zonal headquarters in Kerala.

(d) The proposal has not been found feasible.